

## No one close to Franklin in mileage

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Since Wednesday, Oct. 15, when Claremont City Councilor Jeff Goff addressed the Sullivan County Delegation, the focus of Sullivan County politics has been aimed at mileage reimbursement to locally-elected officials.

Goff directed his anger at Representative Peter Franklin's, D-Newport, reimbursement and trip total during his two years as delegation chair.

During fiscal year 2007 and fiscal year 2008, Franklin had amassed more than \$21,000 in reimbursement, spanning 422 trips to Concord.

In comparison, District 5 Senator Peter Burling, D-Cornish, made 301 trips in fiscal

years 2007 and 2008, totaling \$11,877.

Burling, who will not seek reelection this fall, was the chair of both the Election Law and Internal Affairs and the Executive Departments and Administration, as well as the vice chair of both the Public and Municipal Affairs, and Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

District 8 Senator Bob Odell, R-Lempster, made 230 trips in two years, totaling \$11,165 in reimbursements. Odell is a member of the Committee of Conference on the Budget, and is the chair of the Ways and Means committee.

District 10 Senator Molly Kelly, D-Keene, is a member of four different boards, including Executive Departments and Administration, and

Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

Kelly made 196 trips over two years, with a total of \$5,772 in reimbursements.

Franklin was third in the state in the total number of trips, behind Steve Vaillancourt, R-Manchester, who made 460 trips, and Daniel Eaton, D-Stoddard, who made 429 trips over the last two years.

Franklin was also third in the amount of money he was reimbursed, with \$21,063 received over the last two years.

William Hatch, D-Gorham, and Robert Thebarger, D-Berlin, both received more in reimbursement than Franklin. Hatch received \$23,370 for 210 trips spanning two years, and Thebarger received \$21,785 for 180 trips during the same time period.

Franklin accounted for about a fifth of all reimbursements for the Sullivan County Delegation.